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SUBJECT: US-USSR MEDICAL COOPERATION: FISCHER VISIT TO MOSCOW

1. U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FISCHER BRIEFED SCIOFF JUNE 15
AFTER COMPLETING TWO DAYS DETAILED TALKS IN MOSCOW WITH
MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE DRAFT

FIVE YEAR REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THE US-USSR
HEALTH AGREEMENT. FISCHER DESCRIBED THE MOODS OF HIS TALKS
AS VERY POSITIVE. REPORT WILL EMPHASIZE THE PRACTICAL
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE JOINT WORK CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROGRAM.
DRAFT WILL NOW BE CIRCULATED TO US WORKING GROUP LEADERS.
FISCHER NOTED THAT THE REPORT MAY BE PUBLISHED IN THE
US AND THE USSR.

2. POSSIBLE NEW AREAS OF US-SOVIET HEALTH COOPERATION WERE
NOT EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED DURING FISCHER'S MOSCOW MEETINGS WITH
MOH OFFICIALS. FISCHER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS ARE
INTERESTED IN JOINT WORK IN THE FIELD OF EYE DISEASE.
FISCHER COMMENTED THAT EYE DISEASE MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE LIST
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OF WORKING GROUPS DURING SECRETARY CALIFANO'S VISIT TO MOSCOW
NEXT YEAR. FISCHER STATED THAT POSSIBLE US-SOVIET MEDICAL
COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES WAS NOT MENTIONED DURING HIS
MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIETS.

3. FISCHER ALSO NOTED THAT DHEW IS DOING AN INFORMAL
TRANSLATION OF DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER VENEDICTOV'S NEW BOOK,

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"SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH."
FISCHER DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH SOVIETS POSSIBLE COPYRIGHT QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN DHEW PUBLICATION OF VENEDICTOV'S BOOK IN ENGLISH. FISCHER STRESSED THAT DHEW HAS MADE NO DEFINITE DECISION TO PUBLISH THE BOOK, NOTING THAT CERTAIN PASSAGES WHICH REFLECT A NEGATIVE TONE ABOUT THE U.S. AND THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM MIGHT PRESENT A PROBLEM.
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